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TO: Chief, WE 19 March 1954
Attn: Chief SE Info: Chief []
FROM: Chief [] Attn: []
Chief []
SUBJECT: General - SHAM/OBOPUS Attn: []
Specific- Reported Approach to British by Albanian Foreign
Minister

References: A. OIRA-2723, dated 12 February 1954
B. DIR 41503, dated 10 March 1954 (Not Sent [] [] [])

1. This will confirm a discussion held in London among AIRCERT,
[] and [] on the subject of the rumor mentioned in the second
paragraph of Reference A.

2. It was considered the best approach to inject this question into
talks with JAVELIN held during [] recent visit to London. []
broached the subject to AIRCERT during a very general exchange on the Al-
banian situation and characterized it as a rumor he had picked up in his
travels. AIRCERT, on being confronted with this query, engaged in some
very fancy footwork and threw out a barrage of statements about JAVELIN's
relationship with Genco Naci. [] had to probe further before AIRCERT
at last stated that he had no knowledge of such an approach by Behar
Shtylla to any agency of the British Government.

3. While AIRCERT finally denied any knowledge of the rumor, his
initial unwillingness to make a direct reply was observed by both []
and [], AIRCERT made a real effort to convince [] and []
[] that there was only a very limited and sterile relationship
between Genco Naci and JAVELIN.

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